

Reflective music

Final prayer

Announcements

Blessing

Prayer for the road ahead

Walk, Don't Run (Rob Bell)

Walk, don't run.
That's it. Walk, don't run.
Slow down, breathe deeply,
and open your eyes
because there's a whole world right
here within this one.
The bush doesn't suddenly catch on
fire,
it's been burning the whole time.
Moses is simply moving slowly enough
to see it.
And when he does, he takes off his
sandals.
Not because the ground has suddenly
become holy,
but because he's just now becoming
aware
that the ground has been holy the
whole time.
Efficiency is not God's highest goal
for your life,
neither is busyness,
or how many things you can get done
in one day,
or speed, or even success.
But walking, which leads to seeing,
now that's something.
That's the invitation for every one of
us today,
and every day, in every conversation,
interaction, event, and moment: to
walk, not run.
And in doing so,
to see a whole world right here within
this one.

Closing Hymn

R. We hold a treasure
Not made of gold
In earthen vessels, wealth
untold...
One treasure only,
The LORD, the Christ!
In earthen vessels.

Light has shone in our
darkness
God has shone in our hearts
with the light of the glory...
of Jesus the Lord!

R.

God has chosen the lowly,
who are small in this world
In his weakness, his glory
in Jesus the Lord.



Orlagh in the City

Sunday July 26th 2026



Welcome and Stilling exercise

Opening Hymn: *O the word of my Lord*

Chorus: O the Word of my Lord,
Deep within my being.
O the Word of my Lord,
You have filled my mind.

Verse 1:
Before I formed you in the womb,
I knew you through and through,
I chose you to be mine.
Before you left your mother's side,
I called to you, my child, to be my sign. Chorus

Penitential rite

Our world can lead us to many distractions which draw us away from
You. Lord, have mercy. R.
We look for wisdom, but often in the wrong places.
Christ, have mercy. R.
You invite us to find in You our real treasure.
Lord, have mercy. R.
When God forgives us, we are set free. May we forgive one another
and forgive ourselves and so come to our God in peace. Amen.

Gloria

Glory be to God in heaven: Let all people hear the call.
Peace to those who honour God, who bear good will and love to all.
Gracious ruler, loving creator, we adore and give you praise.
Hear our song of glad thanksgiving for your grace, your loving ways.
Praise to you, O Jesus Christ, the Son, the Lamb, who once was slain.
Now you are alive forever, help us all God's life to gain.
You alone are blessed and holy: Jesus Christ, beloved Son.
Sharing glory with the Spirit and with the Eternal One.

Opening Prayer

1st Reading, 1Kings 3:5, 7-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

"And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

The Bright Field

I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had
treasure in it. I realize now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying

on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

~ R. S. Thomas ~

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We know that all things work together for good for those
who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

(Rom 8:28)

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel, Mt 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.

Lectio

Creed

In response to the word, let us affirm our faith:

We believe we are made in the image of God,
echoes of the creator, children of a loving energy,
one with the universe and all that lies within it.

Christ has been born in our earthiness,
seen in the face of justice, vivid in our moments of faith,
dying and living in our passion for life.

We can feel the power of the Spirit surrounding us with
grace.

She is wise in the centre of our wanderings and
joyfully gathering the whole creation into the freedom of
God.

This we believe.

This we affirm.

From this we will live.

Intercessory Prayers

Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer

Our Father

Communion

